

New Jersey FFA Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity

I. Purpose

The purpose of the New Jersey FFA Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity is to recognize the contributions of the handlers in presenting each animal to its best advantage in the evaluation of the dairy cows and heifers. Skills in dairy cattle handling and herd management are important for successful careers in the dairy industry

II. Common Core & State Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS)

Through Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the Common Core Standards and State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Dairy Handlers Activity teaches students about English Language Arts and 21st-Century Life and Careers standards. Some examples of how the Dairy Handlers Activity is meeting these standards are:

Students will: integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.

- Agricultural Education students develop comprehension and critical analysis skills through identification and evaluation of animals through media (slides, videos, and computer CD-ROM). **[SL.11-12.2. – English Language Arts - Speaking and Listening: Comprehension and Collaboration]**

All students who complete a career and technical education program will acquire academic and technical skills for careers in emerging and established professions that lead to technical skill proficiency, credentials, certificates, licenses, and/or degrees.

❖ **(A.) Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Career Cluster: (3) Animal Systems: 9.4.12.A.(3).1 - Recognize and interpret animal behaviors and execute protocols for safe handling to protect both animals and humans.**

- Students will learn safe handling skills of dairy cattle as they present the animals during the Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity. **[9.4 - 21st - Century Life and Careers: Career and Technical Education – A. Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Career Cluster: (3) Animal Systems]**

III. Event Rules

***See the CDE rules section in the overall event handbook for additional rules. ***

1. No individuals from the same school/chapter may talk, confer or judge together. Penalty will be loss of score for that section of the event or disqualification for the event. Event coordinator has the authority to make disqualifications.
2. Participants are NOT allowed to use (or have visible) electronic devices during the event, unless for medical reasons or a portion of the event requires usage. This includes cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, tablets, etc. Participants will be allowed to use calculators, if specified for that event; however, cell phone calculators are not permitted! **Failure to adhere to these rules will result in disqualification.**
3. All individuals participating will judge in a cooperative manner following the rules set forth by the event coordinator
4. No school/chapter will use Rutgers University or Delaware Valley College for the training of teams. **Penalty will be disqualification**
5. There will be no separate alternate teams.
6. A student may not compete in more than one event during FFA Career Development Events. A student cannot compete in more than one event at the National Competition each year. This includes public speaking, parliamentary procedure and all non-leadership team events.
7. The State level competition fee of \$9 will be paid by the competing school. If a chapter is at least **blue** affiliated, registration to state FFA career development events is waived.

IV. Event Format

1. Participants must wear dairy whites along with an FFA tie or scarf. Participant must wear proper footwear (no sneakers or open-toed shoes).
2. Participants must provide their own show harness in order to compete.
3. Each chapter may register two participants for the event.
4. Handlers should have had prior experience in showing dairy cattle.
5. Handlers will not participate in either the preparation or fitting of the animals assigned.
6. If a dairy handler cannot control his/her animal, the animal may have to be displayed by an alternate holder. The original handler WILL NOT be given a different animal to display.

V. Flow of Event

1. Each handler will have no more than 15 minutes to properly display the animal.
2. The handler will follow the instructions set forth by the judge(s) in the ring – turn cattle side by side, line the cows/heifer up head to tail, etc.
3. Cattle must be set-up to her most advantageous pose.

VI. Event Snapshot

Below is a brief overview of the Dairy Cattle Handlers CDE

- A. This event will have one phase:
 - a. Phase I - 100 Points
 - i. Appearance (10 Points)
 - ii. Control of Animal (20 Points)
 - iii. Poise and Calmness (20 Points)
 - iv. Competence (40 Points)
 - v. Positive Attitude (10 Points)
- B. Chapters may have two participants compete.

VII. Scoring - 100 points

Evaluation and scoring of each participant will be performed by a person(s) designated by the event coordinator.

Evaluation Criteria:	Points
Appearance of the handler	10
Control of animal(s) by the handler	20
Poise and calmness of the handler	20
Demonstrate competence in:	40
A. setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage	
B. maintaining the animal(s) in its most advantageous pose	
C. effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal(s)	
D. moving the animal(s) as requested by the ringmaster	
Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful and positive attitude	10
Total	100

VIII. Awards

Awards will be presented following the event to individuals based upon their rankings in the event. A state sponsored banner will be awarded to the first place individual. Medals (gold, silver, bronze) will be awarded to the top three individuals in the overall event. H.O. Sampson Certificates (1st – 5th) will be awarded to the top five individuals in the hands-on practicum areas only. Awards are sponsored by the New Jersey FFA Foundation, Inc., the New Jersey State FFA Association, and/or the National FFA Organization. The first place Dairy Handlers Activity individual has the opportunity to represent New Jersey at the National FFA Convention in October (with 60% of total points earned). The top four individuals have the opportunity to represent New Jersey at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E) in September.

Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity Scorecard**Name:** _____**Chapter:** _____

Criteria:	Points Possible	Points Earned
Appearance of the handler	10	
Control of animal(s) by the handler	20	
Poise and calmness of the handler	20	
Demonstrate competence in: A. setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage B. maintaining the animal(s) in its most advantageous pose C. effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal(s) D. moving the animal(s) as requested by the ringmaster	40	
Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful and positive attitude	10	
Total	100	

Judge's signature